

**V. OPEN SPACES, SCENIC AND HISTORIC AREAS,
AND NATURAL RESOURCES**

Summary: Wallowa County encompasses over two million acres of land of which the overwhelming majority is committed to uses compatible with open space values, i.e. timber production, livestock production, cropland, and designated wilderness and recreation areas.

GOAL: To conserve open space and protect natural and scenic resources (Appendix 5-1).

Findings:

1. The Wallowa County Natural Resources Advisory Committee is coordinating with Idaho Power Company with regard to their Natural resource Management Plan for Dam Operations.

Policies. The following statements of policy are related to satisfying the above goal.

2. The Salmon recovery Plan is incorporated into the Plan as a resource document. The Salmon Habitat recovery Plan will be used as a supporting document to the Plan. Implementing measures will be contained in the zoning articles.
2. Agriculture and forest uses be continued to preserve open space (Appendix 5-2).
3. Wherever practical, mineral and aggregate, and potential hydro-electric power sites will be considered desirable for development (Appendix 5-3, 5-4).
4. Fish and wildlife habitat be protected by the Forest Practices Act and similar provisions (Appendix 5-5).
5. All Wallowa Lake Basin Moraines be preserved as scientific natural areas, significant to the County, State and nation. (Appendix 5-8)
6. Provisions for recognition be made at such times as sites of historical significance are developed or redeveloped.
7. Extension of, or additional, wilderness area in the County is opposed.
8. Annual gravel removal sites be established
9. Any proposed development adjacent to municipal watersheds be subject to the affected

town's review.

10. Developments which could alter or detract from the scenic views and sites as identified in Appendix 5-6 and 5-7 be publicly reviewed for compatibility.
11. The county will complete the Goal Five rule process when information becomes available for eighteen sites and resources.
12. The county will address Goal Five rule requirements when significant archeological sites are discovered on private lands.
13. Sites and resources classed 2A shall be managed to preserve original character.
14. Zoning provisions will be adopted to insure mineral, aggregate, and potential hydroelectric usage.
15. The County shall develop, adopt, and implement consistent with applicable laws, habitat conservation, and plans for the protection of State and federally listed, threatened, or endangered species pursuant to Land Conservation and Development Commission Goal V and OAR 660 Division 16.
16. Purchase of development rights or other means will be pursued to preserve the East Moraine without loss of County tax revenue.
17. Areas of historical significance will be indentified.
18. The County will establish density levels in the Wallowa Lake Basin at some point in the future.
19. Wallowa County shall promote and facilitate public and private recreational, cultural, wilderness, amd wildlife opportunities compatible with local customs and culture within the constraints of private property rights and local self-determination.
20. All government agencies shall coordinate their land management and acquisition programs with Wallowa County taking into account a local ordinance requiring payment in lieu of taxes.
21. Wallowa County shall develop and implement habitat conservation plans for the protection of threatened and endangered species within the County. State and federal agencies shall coordinate their management activities and plans with the County.
22. The County recognizes that the Hells Canyon Project is a valuable hydroelectric project

and that the County will work to preserve the project and to establish a mode of operation which is consistent with other Goal V policies and enhances the economic health of the project and County.